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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to inform you that we are in support of House Bill 442. All of us have in some way been exposed to this horrible syndrome at one time in our career as nurses. We know that education is the key in keeping these tragic situations from happening. As a nurse it is always a difficult situation to see and often we are left wondering what could have been done differently? The answer is education. If we can provide excellent education to these families about Shaken Baby Syndrome before the child is born we can significantly decrease the risk of this happening to infants and children.

Thank you,

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Addendum:

This letter in support of House Bill 442 has also been signed by healthcare professionals that have seen the effects of Shaken Baby Syndrome.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of legislation that would promote public education regarding child abuse.

I have been a nurse for almost 24 years, and have worked in two large Children's Hospitals. I have seen how child abuse affects the victims, the perpetrator, and the community at large.

Child abuse knows no socio economic, racial, gender, or age barriers. The perpetrators of abuse are often times people who are not emotionally prepared to deal with the rigors of child rearing. Child abuse is a dirty little secret that we don't want to talk about. We must take away the stigma of feelings of frustration and helplessness which are all normal feelings of care givers. We then can offer potential perpetrators of child abuse tools to use to prevent negative actions when experiencing those feelings. We must also educate families to recognize signs of abuse so they can intervene on behalf of innocent victims.

Thank you for the opportunity to support such a worthy cause.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Bill 442. If you have followed the newspaper or the media . It is unbelievable how often babies are being injured or dying from shaken baby syndrome. Babies are so innocent and are subjected to so much harm by the ones who are suppose to love them. It is such a terrible tragedy to read these stories in the paper and hear about them in the media as often as we do. I think the goal should be to protect our innocent babies from harm and death by educating those of child bearing age about this syndrome. So we never hear about another baby dying from shaking baby syndrome. It is so preventable .I think education is the key to prevent this horrible syndrome. We do not have a educator in the state of Montana for this syndrome like other states. That is why we have such a high percentage of this problem. With knowledge comes power and prevention. So I am recommending a educator in the state of Montana to teach teenagers and young adults the dangers of shaking baby syndrome. I am asking you to prioritize and support this much needed Bill.442

Sincerely
Terri Temple RN